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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Atty. Docket: N16765A  
Wilhelmus H.A. Bruls Confirmation No. 4463  
Serial No. 09/978,251 Group Art Unit: 2616  
Filed: 10/15/2001 Examiner: Robert Chevalier  
TITLE: Encoding Device For Encoding A Program And Recording Device

Honorable Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 08/16/2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: